

McKEE IS TO SHOW

Why Veteran Coe Is Excluded From the Home

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Filed Yesterday in the Promised Injunction Proceedings Against the Home Management.

William Coe of the Soldiers' Home, began his promised suit against the commandant, Major McKee, in the circuit court yesterday. In his bill he represents that he is an honorably discharged soldier who served in the army of the United States, in the late war of the rebellion, and that he is now, as he has been for some years past, permanently disabled by disease and injuries, by reason of which he is incapable of earning his living; that he is upwards of seventy-one years of age and has no adequate means of support; that he is now and has been since October 17, 1885, an inmate of the home for disabled soldiers, sailors and marines. That by reason of the fact of his having served in the army of the United States, his having been honorably discharged therefrom, and his physical and financial condition, he has not only been entitled to admission to said home, but is entitled to a continued domicile therein and to all the privileges and benefits thereof. Notwithstanding the fact, and that the complainant has at all times conducted himself in a peaceable and upright manner, and has in no way disobeyed or violated the rules and regulations lawfully promulgated by competent authority for the proper management of said home, and notwithstanding the fact that the complainant desires to continue to be domiciled in said home and receive the privileges and benefits thereof, as he has a legal right to do, he avers that Joseph McKee, commandant of said home, has ordered and directed that he shall forthwith be discharged from said home and no longer be permitted to receive the benefits thereof, and unless restrained said Joseph A. McKee will so discharge him. All of which actions and doings, and pretenses of the defendant are contrary to equity and good conscience and tend to manifest wrong, injury and oppression in the premises. That should said order be carried out and the said defendant discharged, your orator must at once otherwise become a subject of public charity. The bill asks for an injunction. Judge Adst. issued a temporary injunction and made an order that Major McKee show cause why Coe should not be permitted to remain. The writ is returnable April 4.

WILL NOT GO TO SCHOOL.

A Truant Is Sent to Reform School for Four Years.

Frank Lent, whom County Agent Hathaway has been endeavoring to reform and keep in school since last December, was in police court again yesterday, charged with truancy. Patience ceased to be a virtue and the county agent recommended that Lent be sent to the reform school at Lansing until he shall reach the age of 17 years. He is now 13 years old. He is not a vicious boy, but will not go to school. He associated with a gang of young toughs until he is beyond control. Judge Haggerty followed out the county agent's recommendations. In sentencing Lent, he said: "I am sorry to be compelled to send a nice looking young fellow like you to such a place, but find it imperative. You have been in court repeatedly. You will not behave yourself, so I will send you where they make a business of correcting erring youths. I hope when you get out you will have learned something and know that it is more wise to be good than bad."

HARMLESS SHOOTING AFFRAY.

A Party of Men Get Into a Quarrel in a Saloon.

The saloon of John O'Donnell, corner of Trowbridge and Ottawa streets, was the scene of a shooting affray yesterday afternoon, in which nobody was hit or hurt. About 2 o'clock men named Pagan, Eagan, Rhineburg and Payne entered the place. They had not been there long before they stirred up trouble. O'Donnell ordered them out, and they attacked him, one of them hitting him in the leg with a beer glass. This enraged O'Donnell, who took a revolver from a drawer, at the point of which he ushered the quartet into the street. On gaining the outside, they exhibited a disposition to continue the melee, but several shots into the air sent them flying in all directions. Patrolman Spencer was dispatched to the scene, but before his arrival the disorderly had departed. O'Donnell swore out a warrant for their arrest.

TWO FORGETFUL WITNESSES.

A Case Falls Through a Painful Lapse of Memory.

In the case of the people against John Otten, bar tender for Tim Crowley, the Grandville avenue saloonist, who was accused of selling liquor to minors, which came up for trial in the superior court yesterday, the judge, prosecutors and spectators were somewhat non-plussed at the behavior of two witnesses. In the police court on examination, Lewis DeYoung and Bert Stelma testified to having purchased liquor of Otten. They changed their testimony in the superior court and forgot everything they had previously said. Upon their evidence hung the only chance of the people for conviction. Judge Burlingame instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty, which they did.

RICHARD VOSS ACQUITTED.

A Superior Court Jury Fails to Find Him Guilty.

The trial of Richard Voss for the robbery of Michael Miller, was concluded in the superior court yesterday. The evidence introduced on the part of the people was purely circumstantial. Voss had been with Miller, but no one saw him commit the robbery. Miller was in an intoxicated condition so that his testimony could not be relied on. The respondent was accused of stealing \$50 which Miller received from the sale of a load of hogs. The jury after being out several hours, brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Ashamed of a Case.

The case against Fred Thorne and Fred Platte, the West Leonard street saloonist, for keeping open on Sunday, has been on the docket in police court so long that there are grey whiskers all over it. It has been postponed from day to day, on one pretext or another, since last fall. First one, then the other respondent is sick. When it is

not convenient for them to be under the weather, John Fairfield, the attorney, is engaged in another court. Judge Haggerty said yesterday that it was so old he was ashamed of it.

Violating the Law.

Supervisor Frost, a candidate for reelection in the Fourth ward, is alleged to be violating section No. 43 of the election laws. He spent a portion of his time yesterday passing cigars around with his name and the office for which he is a candidate pasted on the side. The penalty for violation of this law is \$1000 fine or two years in state's prison, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Assault and Battery.

John Waasnan was tried in police court yesterday for assault and battery. He was arrested on complaint of Maria Schmeltz. The testimony showed that the latter owns the house in which Waasnan lives. He did not pay his rent promptly and was ordered to move out. There was some misunderstanding as to the amount due. Waasnan offered \$2 to settle, claiming that he owed for fourteen days. Mrs. Schmeltz claimed he was indebted for one month's rent. She is German and Waasnan is a Hollander. An interpreter was employed, and he succeeded in mixing the disputants up to such an extent that a fight ensued between them. The battle was a draw. Judge Haggerty fined Waasnan \$9.85, which he paid.

Fined Both Boys \$30.

The Schuitema boys, Arie, Jr. and Burt, found guilty in the superior court of receiving stolen goods, were up for sentence yesterday morning. Judge Burlingame considered that the boys, though guilty, had committed the crime through ignorance, and was consequently lenient. Both were required to pay a fine of \$30, which they did, and were discharged.

Paid For His Stamps.

J. Frank Merrill, the Acma postmaster who exchanged postage stamps for goods in his general store and included the number so disposed of in his quarterly report as cancelled stamps, was sentenced to pay a fine yesterday of \$200 in the United States court.

Made Counterfeit Molds.

James Austin, the blacksmith of Harrietta, Grand Traverse county, was convicted in the United States court yesterday of making molds or dies for United States coins. He was remanded to jail to await sentence.

Notes of the Courts.

In the divorce case begun by Emma Lichtner against Joseph Lichtner, her husband, Judge Burlingame made an order yesterday allowing the complainant to insert a prayer in her bill for alimony.

Peter Beirely swore out a warrant yesterday for the arrest of Mary Beirely, wife of his brother's son, whom he charges with having struck his daughter, Ida Beirely. He alleges assault and battery.

Eberhard Cordes began ejectment proceedings in the circuit court yesterday against Amelia Kruse, who has possession of part of lot 12 in Scribner and Turner's addition. The plaintiff claims \$1000 damages.

Alice Weselius, a demented young lady, was found wandering on South Division street yesterday afternoon. She was taken to her home, No. 187 South Lafayette street.

Albert day, a polisher in the employ of the Grand Rapids Bicycle company, was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Hugh Murrell, by Detective Kennedy yesterday.

LAW AND LAWYERS.

United States Court.

JUDGE SEVERENS.

The United States vs. Joseph Oasser, indictment for making molds for United States coins; on trial.

The United States vs. James Austin, indicted for making molds for United States coins; tried and convicted; sentence deferred.

The United States vs. Frank Merrill, convicted of illegal disposition of postage stamps; sentenced to pay a fine of \$200.

Cornelius Vanden Agel admitted to citizenship.

Circuit Court—Part I.

JUDGE ADST.

People vs. Peter Thomas, murder; on trial.

Charles Druke admitted to citizenship.

Circuit Court—Part II.

JUDGE GROVE.

Mahala Barnes vs. David Munro, et al., and Uriah Barnes vs. David Munro, et al., chancery; arguments made and submitted.

Superior Court.

JUDGE BURLINGAME.

Emma Lichtner vs. Joseph Lichtner, chancery; by consent it is ordered that complainant's solicitor be allowed to amend the bill of complaint herein by inserting a prayer for alimony.

People vs. Richard Voss, robbery; verdict not guilty.

People vs. Arie Schuitema, Jr., receiving stolen goods; sentenced to pay fine of \$30 and be imprisoned in the county jail until the same is paid; paid and discharged.

People vs. John Otten, selling liquor to minors; not guilty by order of court.

An Electrical Fog Bell.

At the port of Ravenna, on the Adriatic sea, there has recently been placed a new form of fog bell, operated by electricity.

It is situated at the end of the mole leading into the harbor and the current is conveyed to it from a battery in the lighthouse about three quarters of a mile distant.

The apparatus for striking the bell consists of a magnet electric motor connected with a mechanical pailer. The current from the battery causes a disc having pins projecting from its border to revolve, which pull the bell chain and make the hammer strike the rim of the bell at regular intervals.

A telephone circuit enables the attendant at the lighthouse to hear the drone of the motor and thus know whether it is working at its proper speed.—Philadelphia Record.

Use an Open Pot.

Keep the lid off when boiling cabbage, turnips, peas or beans. Cook the first named vegetable fast in salted water for half an hour.—New York Journal.

Pure and Wholesome Quality
Commends to the public approval the California liquid laxative remedy, Syrup of Figs. It is pleasant to the taste and by acting gently on the kidneys, liver and bowels to cleanse the system effectually, it promotes the health and comfort of all who use it, and with millions it is the best and only remedy.

HE IS IN JEOPARDY

Peter Thomas on Trial in the Circuit Court

CHARGED WITH RED MURDER

For Having Slain a Comrade in the Soldiers' Home—The Testimony of Witnesses.

The trial of Peter Thomas, the aged colored veteran, for the murder of James Johnson, another colored soldier, at the Soldiers' home, March 4, was begun in the circuit court yesterday, before Judge Adst. The old fellow, whose hair is as white as snow, sat all alone inside the railing of the court. There were no friends present, and only a few of his nationality. Most of them were witnesses whose evidence will be used by the people to prove his guilt. He was represented by Jim Maloney, who had been appointed by the court to defend. Dr. De E. Spaulding was the first witness sworn. He testified in regard to the nature of the wound inflicted in Johnson's groin by a knife in the hand of Thomas. He thought the stab necessarily fatal, but was considerably surprised at the length of time Johnson lived. At times hopes were entertained of his recovery. He never regained consciousness and finally expired. Robert Hackett testified to having heard the men quarreling over politics, witnessing part of the fight which ensued, of hearing the men calling each other names and the reputation enjoyed by them about the house. Sam Curry, who was in the room, told about the origin of the trouble, which was partly because Johnson had misrepresented the supper, and partly because Johnson antagonized Thomas' political opinions. Sergeant A. C. Chatfield and L. E. Best gave testimony similar to the preceding witnesses. None of the witnesses seemed to be able to determine which was the aggressor. Joseph Clark, a crippled colored soldier, married the solemnity of the occasion by declining to at down while testifying and by the peculiar manner in which he recited the details of the fight which ended in murder. Talbot Gidley said Johnson was the stronger and appeared to handle Thomas at his will. No one saw the blow struck, though Curry says he saw the motion made by Thomas' arm. The case will be taken up again today.

The Editor's Dream.

An editor sat in his office chair. His shoes were patched, his clothes threadbare, and his face looked weary and worn with care. While sadly thinking of business debt, old Morpheus slowly around him crept, and before he knew it, soundly slept; and sleeping, dreamed that he was dead, and from trouble and toil his spirit had fled, and not even a cowbell tolled for the peaceful rest of his cowlidie sole. And as he wandered among the shades that smoke and scorch in lower hades, he shortly observed an iron door that creakingly hung on hinge ajar, but the entrance was closed with a red hot bar, and Satan himself stood peeping out, waiting for travelers thereabout, and thus to the passing editor spoke: "Come in, my dear, it shall cost you nothing, and never fear; this is the place where I cook the ones who never pay their subscription sums; for though in life they may escape, they'll find when they're dead it's not too late. I will show you the place where I melt them thin with red hot chains and scraps of tin, and also where I comb their heads with broken glass and melted leads, and if of refreshments they only think, there's boiling water for them to drink; the red hot grindstone to grind their nose, and red hot rings to wear on their toes; and if they mention they don't like fire, I'll sew up their mouths with red hot wire; and then, dear sir, you'll see them squirm while I roll them over to cool and turn." With these last words the editor woke and thought it all a practical joke. But still at times so real did it seem that he cannot believe it was all a dream, and often he thinks with a chuckle and grin of the fate of those who save their tin and never pay the printer.—Bellefontaine (O.) Examiner.

Won the Case.

"If you were a—jury, Clara," said the embarrassed young lawyer hesitatingly. "I could plead my cause with more self possession. In the courts of—of love I don't think I stack up as a first class advocate."

"Perhaps you have not had an extensive practice in such courts, William," suggested the maiden softly.

"That's exactly, Clara," eagerly rejoined the young man, moving his chair a little nearer. "I'm a green hand at this business. But if I could feel sure the jury"

"Meaning me?"

"Yes—wasn't prejudiced against the advocate?"

"Meaning you?"

"Yes—why, then, I might—"

"What kind of jury are you considering me, William?" she asked, with eyes downcast.

"A—h'm—petit jury, of course. You couldn't be a grand jury, you know, darling."

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"Because we don't try cases before grand juries."

"I think, William," said the young girl blushing, "I would rather for this occasion be considered a grand jury."

"Why?"

"Because"—and she hid her face somewhere in the vicinity of his coat collar—"I have found a true Bill!"—Chicago Tribune.

A Mistaken Female.

Two gentlemen in the orchestra, Mr. Manhattan Beach and Mr. Uptown Gayboy, are disputing about their opera glasses. Each one claims to have the best.

Mr. Gayboy—I can count the wrinkles in the face of that old woman in the box up there.

Mr. Beach—And I can count her gray hairs with mine.

The lady in the box observed that the two gentlemen were looking at her, so with a gratified smile she said to a friend at her side:

"A handsome woman always attracts attention."—Texas Siftings.

Hark! I hear the mothers sing, Field's Worm Powders is just the thing. Pleasant to take, acting mild, By their use they cured my child. Ask your druggist for them.

CALIFORNIA Muscat Grapes, in three pound cans, 15c each, or two for 25c.

KILLEB'S GROCERY.

Lily White Flour Makes finest pastry, bread or biscuit. The best is most satisfactory.

This sideboard is not cheaply made, but our usual high class work—made of quarter sawed oak, 4 feet long.

NELSON, MATTER & CO.'S Clearance Sale.

If you always insist upon having Alcock's Porous Plasters and never accept a substitute, you will not be disappointed.

Order your wood of E. A. Hamilton.

Wait for the Big Show.

A manager who expends thousands of dollars in order that nothing will be neglected that might add to the enjoyment of his patrons certainly deserves success and as a rule he generally gets it, if the public would endeavor to discriminate between responsible companies and those who possess no stability.

There are plenty of good shows, but, unfortunately, there are hundreds which are utterly devoid of merit. Now, anyone can tell at a glance if they see a magnificent new store with massive plate glass windows, that it necessarily calls for a great outlay of money to erect it, and the stock in such a store is generally of the finest. The same line of reasoning applies to theatrical enterprises; for instance, when you see a show billed in the lavish and expensive manner that characterizes "She Couldn't Marry Three" company you can rest assured that there is money and push back of it.

The beautiful, artistic pictorial lithographic work is the finest and the costliest on the road. No lithographing firm would attempt that kind of work without having \$10,000 down to insure them from loss. This is only one of the many items of a great show, and the same good taste which provides this beautiful printing will neglect no other department of the show. So there is not a doubt that the production of "She Couldn't Marry Three" is the biggest show of the season.

This highly polished, quarter saw oak secretary Bookcase for \$11.

Nelson, Matter & Co.'s grand clearance sale.

Lily White.

The Valley City Milling Company has no peer in the manufacture of flour. Try the LILY WHITE.

Piso's Cure for Consumption cured a case of Pneumonia after the family doctor gave up all hope.—M. F. McDowes, Conowingo, Md.

Garfield Tea is composed wholly of harmless herbs, hence its effects can never be injurious. Why, then, take nauseous pills, oils or cathartics that constipate?

Clipped from Canada "Presbyterian," under signature of C. Blackett Robinson, Prop'r: "I was cured of off-putting bilious headaches by Burdock Blood Bitters."

There is nothing like Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil to quickly cure a cold or relieve hoarseness. Written by Mrs. M. J. Fellows, Burr Oak, St. Joseph county, Mich.

Peckham's Croup Remedy cures whooping cough.

"How to Cure All Skin Diseases." Simply apply "SWATNE'S OINTMENT." No internal medicine required. Cures tetter, eczema, itch, all eruptions on the face, hands, nose, etc., leaving the skin clear, white and healthy. Its great healing and curative powers are possessed by no other remedy. Ask your druggist for SWATNE'S OINTMENT.

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